

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Franklin Gates Property

and/or common Roy Athey Property

2. Location:street & number 15501 Athey Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Burtonsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Roy J. and M.E. Athey

street & number 15501 Athey Road telephone no.:

city, town Burtonsville state and zip code MD 20866

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 4488

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center folio 32

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. M:15-91 (PACS D2.36)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 9

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1903, the Franklin Gates Property is a 2-story, 6-bay side-gable residence on the east side of Athey Road in Burtonsville, Montgomery County. The structure has two additions, one to the east of the original house and one to the west, which were constructed between 1950 and 1960. There are four dormers on the south or front facade and two brick chimneys; one interior and one exterior. The structure is of wood frame construction with asbestos siding, has an asphalt shingle roof, double-hung wood windows, and its foundation is a combination of brick, stone, and concrete. There is a 1-story integral porch in the west addition, which has an open railing and wood columns.

The south, or front facade has a central entrance in the original portion of the structure. A secondary entrance is located within the integral porch in the west addition. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with paired 6/6 windows and three, single, 6/6 windows on the first story. The second story has one 1/1 window in the dormer on the west addition, two 6/6 windows in the wall dormers in the original portion of the structure, and one 6/6 window in the dormer in the east addition.

The west elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern with one 6/6 double-hung window and a pair of 1/1 double-hung windows on the first story. There is a 1-light, fixed sash window in the gable end.

The north, or rear elevation has an asymmetrical fenestration pattern with one 1/1 double-hung window, three, 6/6 double-hung windows, and a wood door on the first floor. A 1-story carport projects from the elevation to the north. The second story has two, 6/6 double hung windows, both in the original portion of the structure.

The east elevation has one 6/6 double-hung window on the first floor and a 6-light fixed sash window in the gable end.

There are eight outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a frame shed with a front gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The structure is located northwest of the house.

The second outbuilding is a shed, with a shed roof covered in asphalt sheets. The shed is of wood frame construction and is in ruins. It is located northwest of the house and north of the first shed.

The third outbuilding is a wood frame greenhouse, which is partially collapsed. It has a front gable roof and the exterior walls and roof are covered with corrugated fiberglass. The greenhouse is located north of the house and northeast of the sheds.

The fourth outbuilding is wood frame barn, which is partially collapsed. It is located northwest of the house and greenhouse, and north of the sheds.

The fifth outbuilding is a metal shed. It is located northwest of the house and greenhouse and northeast of the barn and sheds.

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7. Description (Continued)

The sixth outbuilding is a frame stable with a metal, front-gable roof. It is located northwest of the house, greenhouse, barn and sheds, and southwest of the metal shed.

The seventh outbuilding is a second frame stable with a shed roof. The roof and exterior walls are clad in metal siding. The structure is located northwest of the house, greenhouse, barn, sheds, and first stable, and southwest of the metal shed.

The eighth outbuilding is a frame storage building with a shed roof. The roof has asphalt shingles and the exterior walls are clad in metal siding. The structure is located northwest of the house, greenhouse, and metal shed and north of the sheds, barn, and stables.

The property is located on the north side of Spencerville Road at the end of Athey Road, with residential property to the north and open space to the west, south, and east. The property's setting is rural in feeling.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1903	Builder/Architect
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check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
	and/or							
	Applicable Exceptions:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
	Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input type="checkbox"/> local				

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Franklin Gates Property was originally part of "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor". The property, first appears on the Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County, Maryland in 1865, marked with the name John Croasdale. The Croasdale property appears again on the Hopkins Atlas in 1879. Land Records indicate that John Croasdale willed 22.25 hectares (55 acres) of land to his children prior to 1881. In 1903, John Croasdale, a descendant of the aforementioned John Croasdale, sold the land to Franklin Gates, who constructed the house currently on the property. In 1912, Franklin Gates sold the property to Edward G. Kruhm, which included 22.25 hectares (55 acres). However, when Kruhm sold the land to Horace A. Harrison in 1913, the property had reduced to approximately 10.52 hectares (26 acres). Harrison sold the property in 1921 to John Truman Seibel who, in turn, sold it to Roy J. Athey, the current owner.

The Franklin Gates Property is located near Burtonsville, named for the founding Burton family. The location of Burtonsville is on land originally patented in 1703 as "Bear Bacon" and in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in what was then Prince George's County. "Bear Bacon" was approximately 245 hectares (605 acres) of land stretching from present Oursler Road to Old Columbia Pike. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. Later additions to the patent north and northwest of the present junction of U.S. 29 and MD. 198 eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Geraci, Walker and Donnary 1976: 4; Cook, 1976: 270-271). As settlement in the new county increased, the need for improved roads became apparent. The Columbia Turnpike Company was chartered in 1809 to build a road from Georgetown, D.C. to Ellicott's Mills, and construction began in 1810 (present U.S. 29 and Old Columbia Pike follow the route of this original road) (Hiebert and MacMaster 1976, 107).

Burton family records indicate that their ancestors settled in the area by 1707. Basil Burton settled east of the turnpike in 1817. Basil's son, Isaac, considered the founder of the community, bought out his family's share of his father's land in 1825, and by 1850 the crossroads of the Columbia Turnpike and the Laurel-Sandy Spring Road was known as Burtons. The community remained small and rural in the decades after the Civil War. It had a population of about fifty people, a Baptist church, a blacksmith shop, a schoolhouse, and a store (Dixon-Williams 1994, A-).

Montgomery County remained predominantly rural as the twentieth century began. The extension of Washington trolley lines encouraged development close to the District line, but population growth fell below national averages and some areas of the county experienced declining population. Road improvements and the increase in the size of the federal government began to reverse that trend

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after the First World War, but Burtonsville remained a small crossroads. In the 1920s the buildings within the community did not have indoor plumbing, electricity was a luxury, and the only telephone was in the general store (Daniels). The Great Depression caused much hardship among the area's farmers; farm prices fell drastically and the county could not afford to improve roads, utilities, and schools. Burtonsville did not benefit from the increase in federal employment brought by the New Deal.

In the 1980s, continued growth of federal and private sector employment and the new U.S. 29 highway made Burtonsville accessible to new residents and commercial development. Today Burtonsville retains a rural character. Old working farms still remain, but the area is becoming one of the major suburban centers outside of Washington, D.C.

Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style, such as that exhibited in the Franklin Gates Property, was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gabled, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily one to one-and-a-half-stories tall, 3 bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1903, the Franklin Gates Property is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register. The property does not meet Criterion A or B, as it has no known association with significant persons or events. It is not eligible under Criterion C, due to a loss of integrity through the construction of two large additions, which have altered the original form and massing of the structure, the covering of the exterior with asbestos siding and the replacement of the front door. Finally, the property is not eligible under Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended XX
Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 8/27/98
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 8/27/98

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.M:15-91(PACS D2.36)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Beltsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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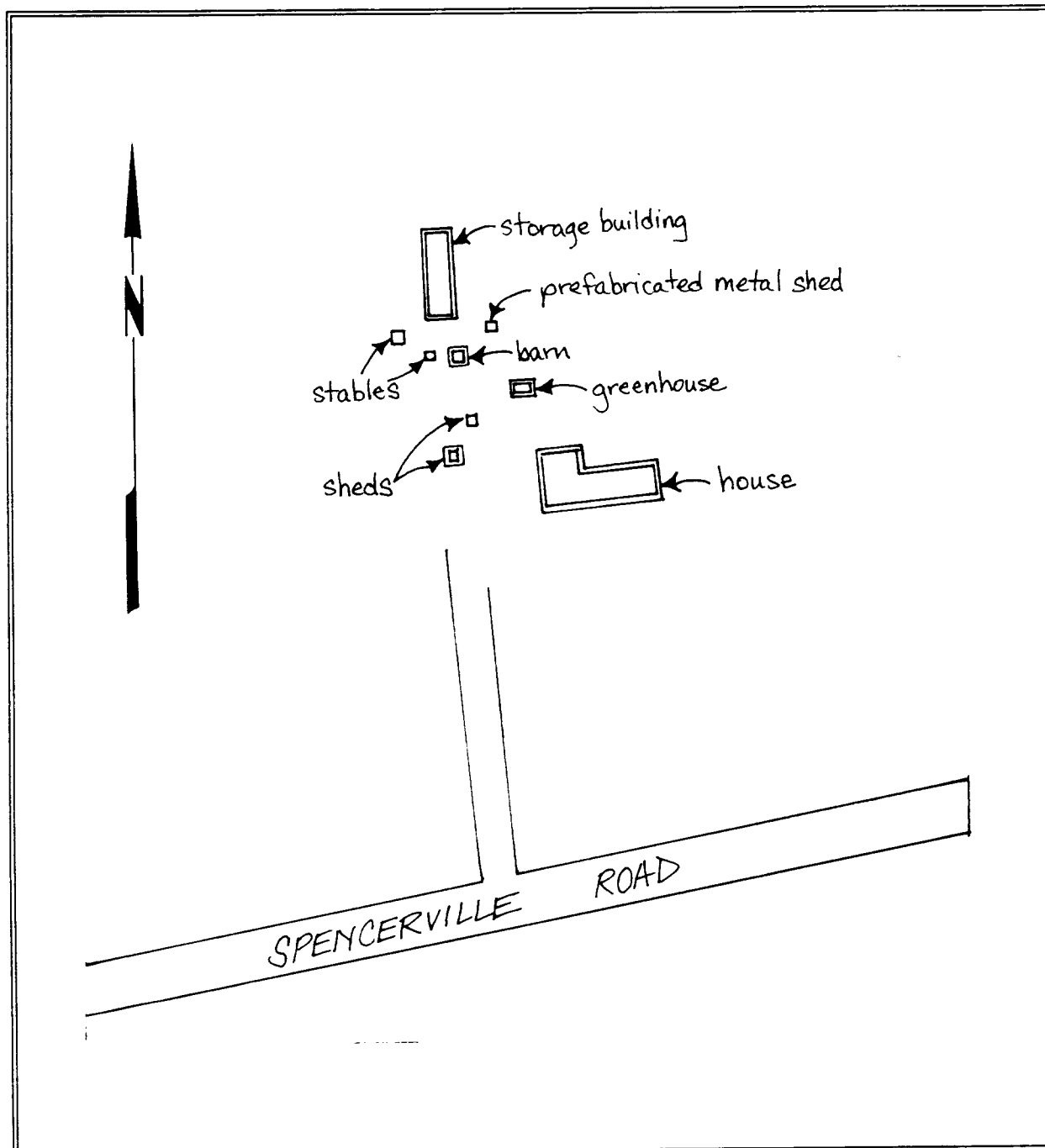
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Resource Sketch Map



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

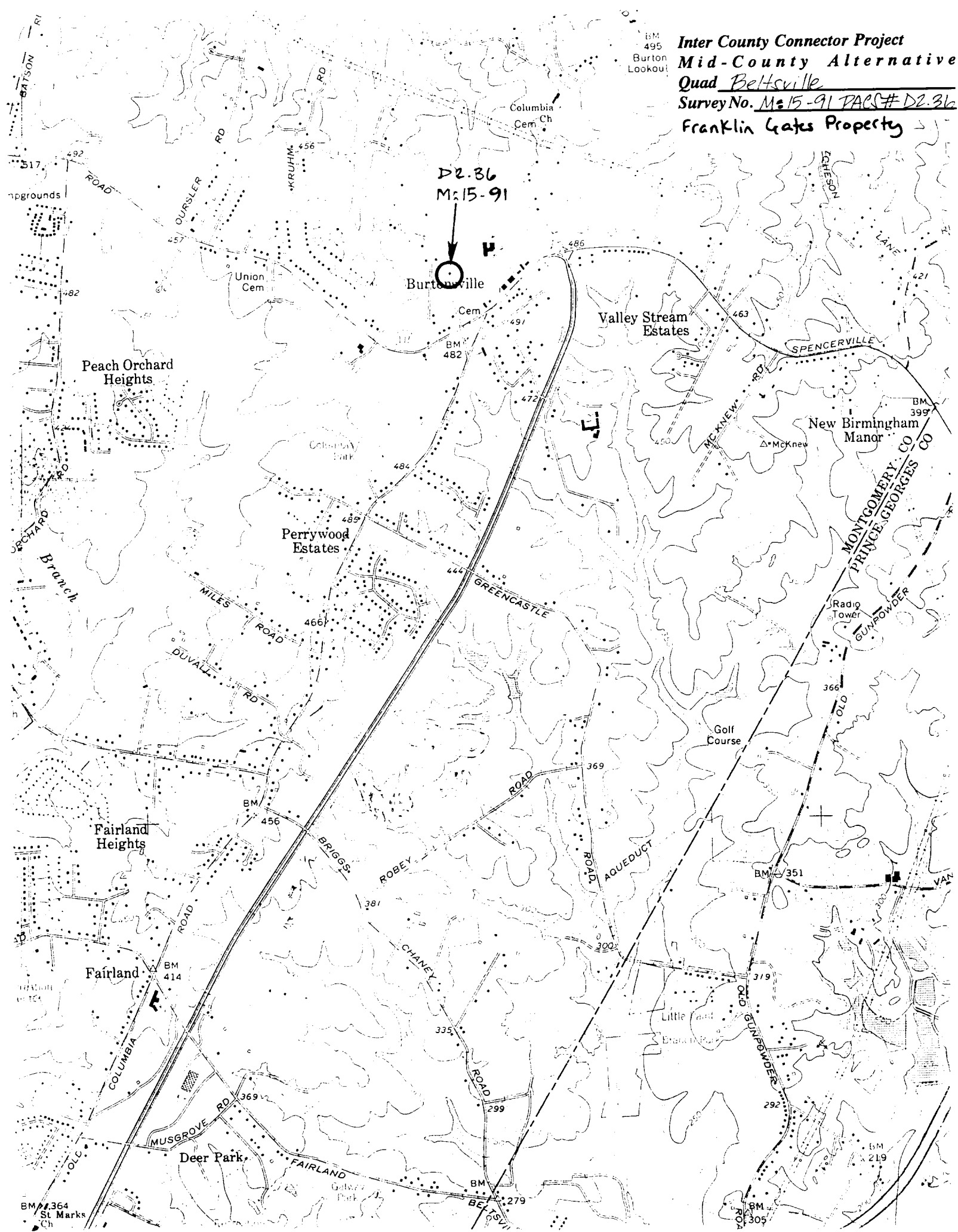
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2. Franklin State Property
3. Montgomery County
4. Adrienne Cowden
5. February 1996
6. PAC Spew and Company, Towson MD 21204
7. 15501 Athey Road, South (Main) and
East facades
8. 1 of 12



1 M-15391

2 Franklin D. Roosevelt Report

3 Montgomery County

4 Adrienne Cowden

5 February 1996

6 PAC Sperry and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 15501 Athey Road, East and North
(Rear) facades

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- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Adrienne Cowder
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Sperry and Company, Towson MD 21204
- 7 15501 Otley Road, North (Rear) facade
- 8 3 of 12



- 1 M-15: 91
- 2 Franklin State Prison
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Adrienne Cowden
- 5 February 1976
- 6 PAC Spew and Company, Towson MD 21204
- 7 15501 Athey Road, West facade
- 8 4 of 12



1 112-5-91

2 Franklin State Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Adrienne Cowden

5 February 1996

6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 15501 Atkey Road, Shed

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3 Montgomery County

4 Adrienne Cowden

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6 PAC Sprio and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 15501 Atkey Road, shed (ruins)

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- 1 M. 15-5
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- 4 Adrienne Cowden
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Spew and Company, Towson MD 21204
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7 15501 Athey Road, Baltimore (Muns)

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- 3 Montgomery County
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- 7 15501 Athey Road, metal shed
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1 11-15-91

2 Franklin State Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Adrienne Crowder

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6 PAC Spens and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 15501 Athey Road, Stable #1

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- 2 Franklin Lakes Property
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Adrienne Cowden
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Speco and Company, Towson MD 21204
- 7 15501 Athey Road, Stable #2
- 8 11 of 12



1 M-15-71

2 Franklin State Property
3 Montgomery County

4 Adrienne Cowden

5 February 1996

6 PAC Speco and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 15501 Athey Road, storage building

8 12 of 12